

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Previously Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A point-service system that can be accessed by a terminal device controlled by a customer ~~using a terminal device~~ via a network, the system comprising:

a point database recording a number of points accumulated for the customer along with identifying information of each of a plurality of point-usable facilities, the points being issued to the customer by each of the point-usable facilities;

a receiving portion that receives, from the terminal device controlled by the customer, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among the number of points accumulated in any one of the point-usable facilities;

an issuing portion that issues a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points;

a recording portion that records, in a use management database, identifying information of the customer, the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, the recognition code and a use status of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points based on the request for the arbitrary number of reserved points;

a transmitting portion that transmits data of a point use ticket comprising the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code and usable also by a person other than the customer, to the terminal device ~~for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side in a way that allows the customer to select between a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is printed at a side of the customer and a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is used as data in the plurality of point-usable facilities;~~ and

a determining portion that determines a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request from a ~~point-usable~~ point-usable facility transmitting a number of reserved points of the

point use ticket to be referred and a recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred,
the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and
the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the requested arbitrary number of
reserved points and the recognition code recorded in the use management database,
respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for
the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred,

the recording portion rewriting, when the point use ticket to be referred is
determined usable as a result of the verifying, the use status recorded in the use management
database and corresponding to the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred such
that the use status thus rewritten indicates that the point use ticket to be referred is used, and

the form in which the point use ticket is printed at the side of the customer being
configured such that printing is selectable between one and a plurality of the point use tickets
comprising an identical recognition code.

3. (Currently Amended) The point-service system according to claim 2, further comprising:
a subtracting portion subtracting the number of reserved points, for which the recognition
code is issued, from the accumulated number of points, and recording the remaining number of
points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database;

a reference portion referring to the use management database in accordance with a
cancel request with the recognition code from the customer to invalidate the issued recognition
code, when the use status ~~information~~ of the arbitrary number of reserved points indicates
unused; and

an adding portion adding the arbitrary number of reserved points for the invalidated issued
recognition code to the accumulated number of points for the customer in the point database.

4. (Previously Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The point-service system according to claim 2, further
comprising a display portion transmitting a use request display for the customer to view the
accumulated number of points and to input the arbitrary number of reserved points to the
terminal device of the customer.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer readable recording medium storing a program for a point-service system that can be accessed by a terminal device controlled by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the program enabling a computer to execute operations comprising:

receiving, using the computer, ~~from the customer~~, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among a number of points accumulated in any one of a plurality of ~~point-use~~ point-usable facilities issuing points to the customer;

issuing, using the computer, a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points;

recording, in a database of the point-service system, the issued recognition code, the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and a use status of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, based upon the request for the arbitrary number of reserved points;

transmitting, using the computer, data of a point use ticket, comprising the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code and usable also by a person other than the customer, to the terminal device ~~for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side in a way that allows the customer to select between a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is printed at a side of the customer and a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is used as data in the plurality of point-usable facilities;~~ and

determining, using the computer, a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the arbitrary number of reserved points ~~from a point-usable facility transmitting a number of reserved points~~ of the point use ticket to be referred and a recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred,

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the recorded requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recorded recognition code, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred; and

rewriting, using the computer, when the point use ticket to be referred is determined usable as a result of the verifying, the use status recorded in the database and corresponding to the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred such that the use status thus rewritten indicates that the point use ticket to be referred is used,

the form in which the point use ticket is printed at the side of the customer being

configured such that printing is selectable between one and a plurality of the point use tickets comprising an identical recognition code.

7. (Currently Amended) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a controller

recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points issued to the customer by a plurality of point-usable facilities,

recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility,

receiving, from the customer, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among number of points accumulated in any one of the point-usable facilities,

issuing a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points,

recording in a use management database identifying information of the customer, the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, the issued recognition code, and use status of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, according to the customer request for the arbitrary number of reserved points,

transmitting data of a point use ticket comprising the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the issued recognition code and usable also by a person other than the customer, to the customer terminal device ~~for issuing the point use ticket in a way that allows the customer to select between a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is printed at a side of the customer and a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is used as data in the plurality of point-usable facilities,~~ and

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the arbitrary number of reserved points from a ~~point-usable~~ point-usable facility transmitting point use ticket customer identifying information, a number of reserved points of the point use ticket and a recognition code of the point use ticket,

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code recorded in the use management database, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred; and

rewriting, when the point use ticket to be referred is determined usable as a result of the verifying, the use status recorded in the use management database and corresponding to the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred such that the use status thus rewritten indicates that the point use ticket to be referred is used,

the form in which the point use ticket is printed at the side of the customer being configured such that printing is selectable between one and a plurality of the point use tickets comprising an identical recognition code.

8. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ which is performed by a computer for issuing points in a point-service system that can be accessed by a terminal device controlled by a customer ~~using a terminal device~~ via a network, the method comprising:

receiving, using the computer, from the terminal device controlled by the customer, a request for an arbitrary number of reserved points from among a number of point accumulated in any one of a plurality of point-use point-usable facilities issuing points to the customer;

issuing, using the computer, a recognition code for the requested arbitrary number of reserved points;

recording, using the computer, the issued recognition code, the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and a use status of the requested arbitrary number of reserved points, based upon the request for the arbitrary number of reserved points;

transmitting, using the computer, data of a point use ticket, comprising the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code and usable also by a person other than the customer, to the terminal device for issuance of the point use ticket by printing the requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recognition code at the customer side in a way that allows the customer to select between a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is printed at a side of the customer and a form in which the point use ticket comprising the recognition code is used as data in the plurality of point-usable facilities; and

determining, using the computer, a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the arbitrary number of reserved points from a point-usable point-usable facility transmitting a number of reserved points of the points use ticket to be referred and recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred ,

the verifying being conducted by comparing the number of reserved points and the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred with the recorded requested arbitrary number of reserved points and the recorded recognition code, respectively, and

the verifying including verifying a use status of the number of reserved points for the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred; and

rewriting, using the computer, when the point use ticket to be referred is determined usable as a result of the verifying, the use status corresponding to the recognition code of the point use ticket to be referred such that the use status thus rewritten indicates that the point use ticket to be referred is used,

the form in which the point use ticket is printed at the side of the customer being configured such that printing is selectable between one and a plurality of the point use tickets comprising an identical recognition code.